
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ONGOING EFFORTS TO PLAN AND DEVELOP A
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION CENTER IN KAKA'AKO MAKAI.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's kindergarten through twelfth-grade
2 students' scores in science, technology, engineering, and math
3 (STEM) subjects are in need of improvement to meet today's
4 advanced standards; and
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6 WHEREAS, there is a need for well-trained individuals with
7 graduate-level education from Hawaii to fill local positions and
8 fulfill Hawaii's highest goals and objectives in the STEM
9 disciplines; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an exceptional and unique natural
12 laboratory, the surrounding ocean, for educating and
13 training Hawaii's students in STEM disciplines; and
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15 WHEREAS, the quality of life and well-being of the people
16 of Hawaii is intimately tied to the health of our ahupua'a,
17 surrounding ocean, and coastal environments; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii's cultural, economic, and ecological future
20 is also tied to the health and sustainability of the ocean and
21 Hawaii's near-shore waters and reef habitats; and
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23 WHEREAS, Kaka'ako Makai has compatible established
24 facilities and supporting infrastructure in the most appropriate
25 location with direct access to high-quality seawater flowing
26 through the Pacific Biosciences Research Center at the
27 University of Hawaii at Manoa's Kewalo Marine Laboratory; and
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29 WHEREAS, a STEM research and education center is consistent
30 with the community-based vision and guiding principles embodied
31 in the 2011 Kaka'ako Makai master plan; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
4 supports ongoing efforts to plan and develop a STEM research and
5 education center with a focus in the marine and environmental
6 sciences for students in kindergarten to the twelfth-grade, as
7 well as university undergraduate and graduate students in
8 Kaka'ako Makai; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages all
11 appropriate partners, such as the University of Hawaii,
12 Department of Education, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kamehameha
13 Schools, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Department of
14 Land and Natural Resources, and Kaka'ako Makai community
15 stakeholders, including community organizations and Kewalo Basin
16 businesses, to cooperate in the ongoing efforts to plan and
17 develop a STEM education and training center; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
21 Pacific Biosciences Research Center at the University of Hawaii
22 at Manoa's Kewalo Marine Laboratory; President of the University
23 of Hawaii; Superintendent of Education; Chief Executive Officer
24 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Chief Executive Officer of
25 Kamehameha Schools; Executive Director of the Hawaii Community
26 Development Authority; and Chairperson of the Board of Land and
27 Natural Resources.
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